GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:83
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2016
Fertilizer Plants in Foreign Countries
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Indian entities are being encouraged to facilitate setting up of urea/fertilizer plants abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any agreement has been inked between Morocco and Krishak Bharati Cooperative (KRIBHCO) for setting up of fertilizer plant and if so, the location identified and the time by which production is likely to commence;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any concrete action plan for reviving the fertilizer plants lying closed in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present status thereof along with the closed fertilizer plants identified for revival?

Answer

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO +*83 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016 REGARDING FERTILIZER PLANTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(a): Yes Madam. The Government has been encouraging Indian Companies to establish Joint Ventures abroad in Countries which are rich in fertilizer resources for production facilities with buy back arrangements and to enter into long term agreement for supply of fertilizers and fertilizer inputs to India. Further, the Department is also working with the goal of having access to acquisition of the fertilizer raw materials abroad by Indian entities. The country is facing shortage of natural gas, which is the preferred feed stock for production of nitrogenous fertilizers, a near total dependence on imports for Phosphatic fertilizer and its raw materials and full import dependence for Potash.

(b): Yes, Madam. KRIBHCO has signed a Term Sheet in mid of 2016 with a Moroccan company for setting up a NPK plant. The details are being worked out. The plant will be located in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. The production is expected by year 2019.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government has approved to revive five closed fertilizer units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL)/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.(HFCL) by setting of new urea plants having capacity of producing 1.27 Million Metric Ton (MMT) Urea per annum at each of the five units namely Talcher, Ramagundam, Gorakhpur and Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni unit of the HFCL. Pre-Project activities for these units are currently going on. Unit wise Details and present Status of the revival plan are as under:

Talcher Unit of FCIL:

â€¢ Talcher Unit of FCIL is being revived on 'Nomination basis' by a Consortium of PSUs namely RCF, GAIL, CIL and FCIL by setting up a coal based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity.
â€¢ JV Company named "Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL)" has been formed.

â€¢ Selection of Coal Gasification Technology is under progress. A revised EoI for selection of Coal Gasification Technology has been published. Six parties have responded against this EoI.
Ramagundam Unit of FCIL:

â€¢ Ramagundam unit of FCIL is being revived on nomination basis by consortium of PSUs namely Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and FCIL by setting up a gas based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity.

â€¢ JV Company named "Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited" has been formed.

â€¢ Hon'ble Prime Minister has laid foundation stone for the Ramagundam project on 07-08-2016.

â€¢ The pre-project activities are going on.

â€¢ The project is likely to be commissioned by 30.9.2018.

Gorakhpur, Sindri units of FCIL & Barauni Unit of HFCL:

â€¢ For the timely revival of these units, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 13.07.2016 approved to revive Gorakhpur, Sindri & Barauni units by means of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Public Sector Units namely, National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation India Limited/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited, through "nomination route". In pursuance to the decision of the Government of India, CIL, & NTPC have registered a SPV by name Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) for revival of closed urea plant of FCIL at Gorakhpur and Sindri. Hon'ble Prime Minister has laid foundation stone for Gorakhpur project on 22-07-2016. The pre-project activities are going on.

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